greatly encourage the planting of such trees in large numbers.

Instead of the land-holders being made liable for the destruction of sandal trees on occupied lands the real culprits may be traced and punished. Land-holders may be permitted to own the trees which naturally grow on their lands to the detriment of the garden cultivation, or the trees may be allowed to be destroyed so as to prevent the deterioration of their lands and save them from the clutches of subordinate officers.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 127.

(1) Reduction or abolition of seigniorage on firewood in the malnad.

(2) Seigniorage on fuel in the Shimoga District to be done away with or reduced.

Messrs. (1) Bhaskar Rao, Sorab Taluk and (2) Sitaramaiya, Shimga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(1) A seigniorage of four annas per cart-load of fuel is now levied in the malnad. Every poor man in the malnad requires, for his use, at least 20 cart-loads of fuel. As the present seigniorage rate is rather heavy to the poorer class of people in the malnad, it is prayed that it may be reduced from four to two annas or abolished completely.

As district jungles have not been assigned to some villages, the raiyats thereof have to obtain fuel for their domestic purposes and for sugar-cane mills on payment of a seigniorage of four annas per cart-load. As this rate is heavy, it may be reduced to two annas.

(2) This tax is heavy in the Shimoga District, especially in and about the town of Shimoga, and causes inconvenience to the public. In addition to the seigniorage, toll is also collected. The seigniorage may be either abolished altogether or reduced to one anna per cart-load.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be reduced. The purposes for which the toll and seigniorage are levied are quite distinct from each other.

SUBJECT No. 128.

Grant of jambe and bhogi trees at concession rates.

Messrs. Subrayabhatta, and Seshappa, Tirthahalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Ordinary wood does not stand the malnad weather for a long time on account of the heavy rains. It is therefore prayed that jambe and bhogi may, as before, be granted to the raiyats for their domestic use at concession rates under the Raiyats' Privileges Rules.

Reply of Government.—Further concessions cannot be granted.

SUBJECT No. 129.

(*a*) Grant of honne and bete wood without seigniorage to the raiyats for agricultural implements.

(*b*) Free grant of green wood for agricultural purposes.

(*a*) Messrs. Nadig Bhasker Rao, and Lakshmana Rao, Sorab Taluk.

(*b*) Mr. H. V. Bhima Rao, Malur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Matti is now exempt from seigniorage when it is taken by raiyats for agricultural implements. Honne and bete are also often used for this purpose. As implements made of other trees are not durable, it is requested that the present concession may be extended in the case of honne and bete trees.

(*b*) (i) The existing rate of seigniorage on firewood is very high. It may be slightly reduced.